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CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Box PATENT APPLICATION  
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional

application, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior Application No. PCT/GB98/02772, filed September 14, 1998 for: FLUID SEPARATION SYSTEM by: Bernt H. Torkildsen, Martin Sigmundstad, Harald Linga, Finn P. Nilsen. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification and Abstract 25 pages  
☐ Copy of Prior Specification  
or  
☒ Substitute Specification including no new matter
- ☒ Drawings - 11 sheets (Figs. 1-12)
- ☐ Declaration for United States Patent Application  
☐ Newly executed  
or  
☐ Copy from prior application

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:					
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Basic Fee			\$ 345	OR	\$ 690
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Independent Claims	* - 3	= *	x 39 = \$*	OR	x 78
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1. ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
2. ☐ Cancel in this application claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

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Continuation of International Application No. PCT/GB98/02772

3. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a Continuation of Application No. PCT/GB98/02772 filed September 14, 1998.--

4. ☒ Priority of foreign applications Nos. GB 9719668.7 filed September 15, 1997, GB 9812148.6 filed June 5, 1998 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

5. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to \_\_\_\_\_ recorded at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_.

6. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

7. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

8. ☐ Small entity status was established in the parent application via a Verified Statement filed on \_\_\_\_\_, and such status is still proper and desired.

9. ☐ A copy of the international application, published as International Publication No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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